

**GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
June 21, 2011**

A meeting of the Grand Rapids Charter Township Board was called to order at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Michael DeVries. The meeting was held in the Township Hall. The following were present: Supervisor Michael DeVries, Treasurer Chris Afendoulis and Trustees Edward Robinette and Robert Roth. Clerk Janice Hulbert and Trustees Rusty Merchant and Lee VanPopering were absent. There were two people in the audience.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

2. BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT.

There were no public comments.

Supervisor DeVries requested the following items be added to the agenda:

Allocating funds for the replacement of windows.

Allocating funds for the replacement of the water cooler.

Allocating funds for a bonus for Kara Ronda for the exceptional (over and above) work that she has done for the Planning Commission.

Hiring an intern to replace an intern that is leaving.

Edward Robinette, seconded by Robert Roth, moved to add the items to the end of the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

3. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING, JUNE 7, 2011.

Edward Robinette, seconded by Robert Roth, moved to approve the minutes of the regular Township Board meeting on June 7, 2011. Motion passed unanimously.

4. CONSIDER BILLS TO BE PAID.

Edward Robinette, seconded by Chris Afendoulis, moved to approve the bills to be paid as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS.

a. HIDDEN LAKE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT RENEWAL.

Edward Robinette, seconded by Robert Roth, moved to open the Public Hearing – Hidden Lake Special Assessment District. Motion passed unanimously.

No objections were heard regarding the proposed improvements, the District or the continuation of the District.

Chris Afendoulis, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to close the Public Hearing. Motion passed unanimously.

b. PERCH LAKE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT RENEWAL.

Edward Robinette, seconded by Robert Roth, moved to open the Public Hearing – Perch Lake Special Assessment District. Motion passed unanimously.

No objections were heard regarding the proposed improvements, the District or the continuation of the District.

Devin Schindler, 3333 Wildridge Drive NE, commented on the excellent condition of Perch Lake and that the fund has a balance of approximately \$12,000.

Edward Robinette, seconded by Robert Roth, moved to close the Public Hearing. Motion passed unanimously.

6. CONSIDER LAKES SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT RESOLUTIONS.

a. SPECIAL ASSESSMENT RESOLUTIONS - HIDDEN LAKE AQUATIC WEED CONTROL SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT.

Edward Robinette, seconded by Robert Roth, moved to approve SPECIAL ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION NO. 2, HIDDEN LAKE AQUATIC WEED CONTROL SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT, DETERMINATION TO MAKE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS; SUFFICIENCY OF PETITIONS; APPROVAL OF PLANS AND ESTIMATE OF COSTS; FINAL DETERMINATION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT; PREPARATION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL.

AYES: Afendoulis, DeVries, Robinette, Roth
NAYS: NONE

Edward Robinette, seconded by Chris Afendoulis, moved to approve SPECIAL ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION NO. 3, FILING OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLLS FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT; NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING.

AYES: Afendoulis, DeVries, Robinette, Roth
NAYS: NONE

b. SPECIAL ASSESSMENT RESOLUTIONS – PERCH LAKE AQUATIC WEED CONTROL SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT.

Edward Robinette, seconded by Robert Roth, moved to approve SPECIAL ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION NO. 2, PERCH LAKE AQUATIC WEED CONTROL SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT, DETERMINATION TO MAKE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS; SUFFICIENCY OF PETITIONS; APPROVAL OF PLANS AND ESTIMATE OF COSTS; FINAL DETERMINATION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT; PREPARATION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL.

AYES: Afendoulis, DeVries, Robinette, Roth
NAYS: NONE

Edward Robinette, seconded by Robert Roth, moved to approve SPECIAL ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION NO. 3, FILING OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT; NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING.

AYES: Afendoulis, DeVries, Robinette, Roth

NAYS: NONE

7. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION TO DEFER TAXES WITHOUT PENALTY.

A request was received from Deputy Treasurer Sue Cady for the Board to consider approval of a resolution to defer tax payments without penalty for qualified taxpayers.

Edward Robinette, seconded by Chris Afendoulis, moved to approve the attached resolution to defer tax payments without penalty for qualified taxpayers.

AYES: Afendoulis, DeVries, Robinette, Roth

NAYS: NONE

8. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION REGARDING ONE KENT LEGISLATION.

A letter was received from Roger Morgan and Carol Hennessy, representing One Kent Study Group, regarding the work of the study group.

Edward Robinette, seconded by Robert Roth, moved to approve the attached RESOLUTION REGARDING THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT PROPOSAL ADVANCED BY ONE KENT COALITION.

AYES: Afendoulis, DeVries, Robinette, Roth

NAYS: NONE

9. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS.

ALLOCATING FUNDS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF WINDOWS.

Edward Robinette, seconded by Chris Afendoulis, moved to approve up to \$1,200 for the replacement of windows. Motion passed unanimously.

ALLOCATING FUNDS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE WATER COOLER.

Edward Robinette, seconded by Chris Afendoulis, moved to approve up to \$600 for the replacement of the water cooler. Motion passed unanimously.

ALLOCATING FUNDS FOR A BONUS FOR KARA RONDA FOR THE EXCEPTIONAL (OVER AND ABOVE) WORK THAT SHE HAS DONE FOR THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

Chris Afendoulis, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to approve a bonus of \$500 for Kara Ronda for the exceptional (over and above) work that she has done for the Planning Commission. Motion passed unanimously.

HIRING AN INTERN TO REPLACE AN INTERN WHO IS LEAVING.

Edward Robinette, seconded by Robert Roth, moved to approve the hiring of Keith House, Assessing Department Intern, to replace intern Jared Rushlau, who is leaving to pursue other opportunities. Motion passed unanimously.

BOARD COMMENTS. There were no Board comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS. There were no public comments.

The meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm.

Janice K. Hulbert, Clerk
GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP